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FOLLOWING FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON WOLFF INTERVIEW TITLED  
"DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR" IN HONG KONG STANDARD APRIL 16: QUOTE

1. JUST EIGHT SHORT MONTHS AGO US CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF  
ARROGANTLY THREATENED HONGKONG WITH DIRE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS  
IF WE DID NOT IMMEDIATELY GIVE AMERICAN ANTI-NARCOTICS AGENTS  
FREE REIN IN THE COLONY. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE STANDARD ON  
SUNDAY. MR. WOLFF REVEALED NOT A WHIT OF CHANGE IN HIS METHODS  
OF COERCION, JUST A PERCEPTIBLE RAISING OF HIS SIGHTS.

2. TURNING HIS WRATH ON THE PRC THIS TIME, THE CONGRESSMAN  
WARNED THAT IF PEKING'S CO-OPERATION IN THE BATTLE AGAINST INTER-  
NATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING WAS NOT FORTHCOMING "I WILL TAKE IT UPON  
MYSELF TO TAKE WHAT STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO PRECLUDE MOST-FAVOURED  
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NATION TRADE STATUS WITH CHINA."

3. HAVING THUS DELIVERED HIMSELF OF A MIGHTY THREAT, DESIGNED NO DOUBT TO MAKE THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP QUAKE IN THEIR BOOTS, MR. WOLFF POINTEDLY AND WITH ENTHUSIASM LOOKED BACK ON THE VAST IMPROVEMENTS IN US-HONGKONG CO-OPERATION IN THE WAR ON NARCOTICS SINCE HIS CONTROVERSIAL VISIT HERE LAST AUGUST. "THE CO-OPERATION," HE BEAMED, "HAS GONE BEYOND WHAT I'D ANTICIPATED."

4. THE CONGRESSMAN HAS CLEARLY TAKEN TO HEART THE ONEROUS DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. OBVIOUSLY OVERWHELMED WITH THE MAGNITUDE AND IMPORTANCE OF HIS TASKS, HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EVEN AWARE THAT HIS STATEMENTS SO FREELY DISPENSED COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING IN BAD TASTE. AND IT IS, OF COURSE, INCONCEIVABLE THAT HIS PROVOCATIVE INSULTS WERE INTENDED PRIMARILY AS POLITICKING MATERIAL TO BE TRANSMITTED BACK HOME TO HIS NEW YORK BAILIWICK.

5. WHAT IS BEWILDERING IS THAT THIS AMERICAN EXPERT ON FOREIGN RELATIONS SHOULD HAVE SEEN FIT TO CHASTISE CHINA ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, IN THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT OFFICIAL US NARCOTICS AGENCIES HAVE ABSOLVED PEKING OF INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL DRUG PRODUCTION OR TRAFFICKING.

6. WHAT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO MOST ASIANS, THOSE AT LEAST WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY AND GOD-GIVEN RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH, IS THAT A CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVE OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE LET LOOSE IN THIS CLOWNISH FASHION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE OF DIPLOMACY. THAT A CONGRESSMAN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEMPT, LUDICROUSLY, A ONE-MAN HEAVY-HANDED INTIMIDATION OF A NATION WHOSE FRIENDSHIP IS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY HIS GOVERNMENT IS EQUALLY ASTONISHING.

7. MR. WOLFF'S THREAT, PREDICTABLY, WILL BE SHRUGGED OFF IN PEKING WITH THE CONTEMPT IT DESERVES. IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, AT ONE POINT OF TIME OR ANOTHER THERE MUST COME THE REALISATION THAT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS SUCH AS THESE SHOULD BE PLANNED WITH A LITTLE MORE CARE. CO-OPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THE CURRENT GLOBAL WAR ON NARCOTICS, IS A TWO-WAY STREET, AND WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING IN THE FACE OF AMATEURISH BLACKMAIL OR COERCION IN ANY FORM.

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8. UNTIL THERE IS THIS REALISATION, HOWEVER, WE MAY EXPECT THE OCCASIONAL VISIT FROM JUNKETING AMERICAN POLITICIANS AND WILL HAVE TO TOLERATE BEING PLAGUED WITH THEIR DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR.  
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